

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 13 2009

RE: S.R. No. 11
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2009
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred S.R. No. 11 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN THE WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to encourage participation in the White Ribbon Campaign to end domestic violence against women.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by two individuals. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that domestic violence is a significant problem nationally and locally, with 8,013 reported cases of domestic violence in Hawaii in 1999. Your Committee recognizes the devastating physical and emotional impacts of domestic violence on women, children, and families; the \$8-10 billion in economic losses due to absenteeism, medical costs, employee turnover, lost productivity, and other costs; and the need for strong male role models who are willing to express their commitment to ending violence against women.

Your Committee supports the White Ribbon Campaign's goal of ending all forms of violence against women and encourages the people of Hawaii to join individuals in over fifty-five countries by wearing white ribbons as a symbol of men's opposition to



violence against women and as a pledge to never commit, condone, or remain silent about violence against women.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 11, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 11, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

Suzanne Chun Oakland
SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

